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# LETTER DATED 20 JANUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its appendix, which contains the text of a statement made by H.E. Rauf Denktaş, President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, on 20 January 1995, would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 20 January 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to annex hereto the text of a statement made by President Rauf Denktaş on 20 January 1995 concerning the peace initiative undertaken by the Turkish Cypriot side, which has already been handed over to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, Mr. Gustave Feissel.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its appendix are circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
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## Appendix

### Statement by Mr. Rauf Denktaş, dated 20 January 1995

The Turkish Cypriot people and the Greek Cypriot people are the co-owners of Cyprus and the island is the common home of both peoples. With this in mind, the Turkish Cypriot side has been endeavouring to realize a fair and viable solution to the Cyprus question that would facilitate the sharing of this common home.

The Turkish Cypriot side sincerely wishes a solution to the 32-year-old question of Cyprus. It believes that the status quo could be replaced by a viable solution mutually acceptable to both sides.

In an attempt to contribute to the creation of conditions conducive to the realization of such a viable solution, the Turkish Cypriot side hereinafter makes public some of its ideas and suggestions with the hope that they will receive a positive response from the Greek Cypriot side.

1. The Turkish Cypriot side remains fully committed to a viable bicommunal and bizonal federal solution as set out in the high-level agreements.

In fact, the Turkish Cypriot people confirmed their commitment to a bicommunal and bizonal federal solution on the day they proclaimed the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

2. The Turkish Cypriot side is of the opinion that, for the establishment of a federal relationship, first and foremost, there is the need to create an environment of mutual trust, cooperation and partnership between the constituent partners and that federations can be formed only between politically equal partners, on a voluntary basis, and for mutual benefit. It is for this reason that the Turkish Cypriot side continues to share the accurate assessment of the Secretary-General, as set out in his report of 19 November 1992, where he stresses that "it appears from the recent joint meetings that there is a deep crisis of confidence between the two sides. It is difficult to envisage any successful outcome to the talks for as long as this situation prevails" (S/24830, para. 63).

In line with the above-stated assessment of the Secretary-General and the Security Council, the Turkish Cypriot side sincerely believes that the implementation of the package of confidence-building measures will facilitate the political process towards a federal settlement.

3. The Turkish Cypriot side has, accordingly, expressed its readiness to implement the package of confidence-building measures in the manner set out by the Secretary-General in his letter to the President of the Security Council dated 28 June 1994 (S/1994/785).

The conclusion of the Secretary-General in the above-stated letter that "... there had now been sufficient progress for the United Nations to implement the package on the basis of the 21 March paper and subsequent clarifications"

strengthens our belief and hope that the confidence-building measure package is in fact ready to be implemented.

The Turkish Cypriot side confirms its commitment to these positions.

In view of the above-stated assessment of the Secretary-General, the Turkish Cypriot side earnestly wishes that this historic opportunity is duly addressed by the two sides, and seen as part of the political process leading towards a final settlement.

4. As is known, the confidence-building measure package includes 12 other important measures in addition to Varosha and Nicosia International Airport.

One of these measures envisages the cooperation of the two sides "... with the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) in extending the Unmanning Agreement of 1989 to cover all areas of the United Nations-controlled buffer zone where the two sides are in close proximity to each other".

For the purpose of preserving the momentum for the implementation of all the measures set out in the confidence-building measure package, the Turkish Cypriot side suggests that implementation immediately starts with unmanning arrangements.

5. In order to contribute to the creation of an environment of mutual trust, cooperation and partnership and to assist the political process for a bicommunal and bizonal federal solution, we propose the setting up of a transitional joint body under the co-chairmanship of the leaders of the two communities (a) to look into the daily matters and issues of common concern to the two sides; (b) to develop joint projects to deal with such common concerns and issues; and (c) to implement such projects.

6. The Turkish Cypriot side suggests that, following the conclusion of the confidence-building measure agreement, other measures could be negotiated, including matters of a military nature, to improve the environment of confidence between the two communities further.

7. The Turkish Cypriot side proposes that the two sides commence substantive talks on a bicommunal and bizonal federal settlement upon the endorsement of the confidence-building measure agreement by the Security Council.

8. We believe that the two peoples of Cyprus who share the same homeland inevitably also share the same political and economic destiny. The arrangements of 1960 were the products of this reality.

This being the case, the membership of Cyprus in the European Union can only be based on the mutual wish and will of the two communities.

In view of the above, the Turkish Cypriot side wishes to announce, here and now, that it is prepared to discuss the subject of European Union membership of the federal Republic within the framework foreseen in the "set of ideas", as

soon as an agreement is reached on a bicommunal and bizonal federal solution and the equal political status of both communities is respected.

9. We believe that the leaders of the two communities have a significant role to play in the creation of an environment of mutual trust and cooperation. We thus suggest that, as of now, the two leaders undertake to refrain from making statements and accusations that would cause the political atmosphere to deteriorate.

10. To promote further the much desired climate of mutual trust and confidence in all fields, the Turkish Cypriot side suggests that the two sides make a joint declaration of non-aggression.

The Turkish Cypriot side sees the demilitarization of the federal Republic as an objective as set out in the United Nations "set of ideas".

11. The Turkish Cypriot side believes that a viable settlement in Cyprus can be achieved only through dialogue and negotiation between the two sides.

Based on this belief, the Turkish Cypriot side is ready and willing to implement the confidence-building measure package and to negotiate with the Greek Cypriot side, without any preconditions, matters relating to a comprehensive settlement.

12. In the negotiations aimed at the realization of a bicommunal and bizonal settlement, the Turkish Cypriot side continues to support the "land for a viable solution" approach, and is of the opinion that this approach reflects the give-and-take understanding necessary for reaching a realistic and viable solution.

13. Together with the above ideas and suggestions, the Turkish Cypriot side reconfirms the ideas and proposals set out in the letter of the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to the Secretary-General dated 21 November 1994 (S/1994/1330).

14. In order to create an environment of mutual confidence, the Turkish Cypriot side declares that, as a starter and gesture of goodwill, it will unilaterally implement the following:

(a) Measures will be taken for the further betterment of the living conditions of Greek Cypriots in Northern Cyprus;

(b) Similar measures will be taken for the further betterment of the living conditions of Maronites in Northern Cyprus;

(c) Procedures applied to the Greek Cypriot students studying in the south on their visits to their families in Northern Cyprus will be reviewed and bettered;

(d) Bicommunal contacts will be further promoted and encouraged.

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